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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Huan Nguyen, 26, Minneapolis, was sentenced on Friday in U.S. District Court by Judge John C. Shabaz to 121 months in prison for conspiring to distribute marijuana.

From February 2004 until January 2006, Nguyen conspired with Darryl Chapman to possess and to distribute marijuana and cocaine in Oneida County and Vilas County. Utilizing an informant, officers from the Oneida County Sheriff's Department were able to purchase marijuana and cocaine from Chapman on December 21, 2005. Officers also seized approximately one-quarter kilogram of marijuana from Chapman's residence on January 3, 2006. Upon arrest, Chapman admitted that his source for controlled substances was Nguyen.

On January 12, 2006, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Nguyen's residence in Minneapolis, during which they found approximately one kilogram of marijuana, \$116,780 in cash, digital scales, and packaging materials. Following the sentencing, the \$116,780 was forfeited to the United States.

The charges against Nguyen were the result of an investigation conducted by the Oneida County Sheriff's Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The

prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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